

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

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11. (New) A dishwasher comprising:
a washing container for retaining therein objects to be washed by the dishwasher;
and
a system for drying objects to be washed, the system including heat generating means for heating at least part of the air present in the dishwasher and a humidity sensor that detects the humidity of at least part of the air present in the dishwasher.
12. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the system for drying the objects to be washed includes a selected one of an electronic controller means and a non-electronic controller means for controlling the system for drying the objects to be washed as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.
13. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the system for drying the objects to be washed is switched off in a selected one of an independent manner and a non-independent manner as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.
14. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the humidity sensor is arranged in the washing container of the dishwasher.
15. (New) The dishwasher according to claim 11, wherein the humidity sensor is arranged in an upper area of the dishwasher.

16. (New) A method for cleaning and drying objects to be washed in dishwashers, the method comprising the steps of:
subjecting the objects to be washed to at least one of a cleaning rinsing and a clear rinsing process;
after the at least one of the cleaning rinsing and the clear rinsing process, subjecting the objects to be washed to a drying process, wherein at least some of the air present in the dishwasher is heated by heat generating means; and
detecting the humidity of at least some of the air present in the dishwasher by a humidity sensor during the drying process.
17. (New) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 16, wherein the drying process is controlled as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor preferably by means of an electronic controller.
18. (New) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 16, wherein the drying process is ended as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.
19. (New) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 16, wherein the operation of the heat generating means is controlled as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor preferably by means of an electronic controller.
20. (New) The method for drying objects to be washed in dishwashers according to claim 16, wherein the operation of the heat generating means is ended as a function of the humidity determined by the humidity sensor.